

WHEAT QUESTION DIFFICULT ONE

President Lacks Power to
Stop Grain Imports,
Says Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The president is without power under existing law "to shut out wheat imports," but he "apparently has certain powers under the Lever act to stop future trading in wheat," the federal trade commission says in a special report to President Wilson, made public today at the White House.

The commission says that while evidence is not available that future trading is responsible for the decline in wheat prices, it does not appear that future trading in wheat as at present operating, is of indispensable service to the grain trade. It suggests, however, that if regulatory action is to be employed, the question be considered by congress and that legislation "not connected with war powers be enacted."

FAIL TO CO-OPERATE.
The commission tells the president that because of the failure of the Chicago Board of Trade to co-operate it was unable to obtain necessary information as to whether there had been large transactions in wheat futures of a manipulative character.

As to the concentrated purchases of wheat in this country by foreign governments, which have been undertaken to regulate at home flour prices irrespective of the price of wheat, the commission declares that if these purchases are to continue, the desirability of the United States meeting them through a selling organization should be carefully considered.

CAUSES OF DECLINE.
The commission's report is based upon an investigation of the wheat situation which the president requested it to make last October after Governor Henry L. Allen, of Kansas, and others had urged him to bar Canadian wheat importations and take such action as necessary to stabilize the rapidly declining wheat market. Declaring the decline of wheat prices would appear to be "in part due to country-wide and world-wide conditions," the commission assigns seven specific causes.

"The outlook for an increased world supply, concentrated buying by foreign governments last spring, and slack purchases later," "unprecedented" importations from Canada, following "an unprecedented yield and a discount in rate of exchange," the record-breaking yield of corn in this country, the slackening of demand for flour, the general tendency to decline in many commodities and the change in credit conditions "with resulting disposition of distributors to refrain from accumulating usual stocks."

DISCUSSING THE BARRING OF CANADIAN WHEAT, the commission says "it is questionable whether such a proceeding would have the effect its advocates expect, because the United States and Canada both have surplus to export, and will meet each other in competition either here or in Europe."

While the commission notes considerable space to a discussion of trading in wheat futures, it asserts that it is not now expressing an opinion on this subject as it would give "extended treatment" in a forthcoming report.

"Future contracts may have a legitimate use for hedging," the commission says. "In this connection it is claimed that future trading performs an insurance function where ordinary insurance methods would not be practicable and that undue restriction of future trading such as would deprive the grain dealer of this service might result in grain dealers requiring larger margins and consequently result in lower prices to the farmer or higher prices to the consumer."

TRADING JUST GAMBLING.
Without now expressing an opinion on this subject, it appears that there is a large volume of future trading that is mere gambling, and results in a great economic waste. The remedy for this lies in congressional action to prevent trading which is essentially gambling.

"A limitation of the volume of open speculative trades in wheat, similar to the limitations placed on corn speculation during the period of government control would probably tend to reduce the possibility of manipulative trading."

MEXICAN EX-MINISTER WOULD BATTLE EDITOR

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 18.—Salvador Alvarado, former minister of the treasury, has challenged Felix Palavarez, editor of El Universal, to a duel which the latter has not accepted. The challenge followed the publication by the newspaper of charges that Alvarado had obtained the concession to build an oil pipe line from Tuxpam to Mexico City and other concessions which were alleged to have been granted irregularly during the minister's incumbency. The challenge stipulated that the duel was to be fought with pistols at 7 o'clock in the morning at Chapultepec park.

GRAY HAIR ON CLOTHES OF VICTIM GIVE CLUE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 20.—Clothing which the police believe to have been worn by Mrs. Fay Sutton Sawyer, the woman found dead in a field Sunday in the grove of trees where her nude and mutilated body was found a week ago. The clothing was bloodstained and attached to it were a few short white hairs. The detectives said these matched the hair of a suspect.

STOWAWAY SYNDICATE BARED



A group of six stowaways aboard a liner bound from Italy to the United States, and transferred, in mid-ocean, to another liner that was bound back to Italy.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Ailing Commissioner of Immigration Frederick A. Wallis has discovered in operation the greatest stowaway syndicate ever known. And it is his belief that since the ban on immigration during the war hundreds of dangerous foreigners have smuggled their way into this country through the channels—stowaways and as sailors on vessels coming into New York.

PAY MEMBERS OF CREW.
This stowaway syndicate is in operation in nearly every port out of which vessels sail for this country. He said that the stowaways pay members of the crew \$400 apiece for keeping quiet about them and then smuggle their way into this country when the ship arrives.

"If you will go to the President Wilson," said he, "you will find 12 more stowaways on the ship."

HELD FOR DEPORTATION.
Wallis found the 12 and sent them to Ellis Island to be held for deportation. While there they sent word to the "squalor" that his heart would be cut out when they caught him in Italy. They will have no chance to do this, however, for the stowaway after a year spent in work at Ellis Island is to be given a chance to enter this country as a sailor.

"Something must be done to stop the stowaway practice," says Wallis. "A stowaway of this character is the worst sort of immigrant for nine times out of ten his is a criminal who cannot obtain a passport."

RUSS CHILDREN AT HOME AGAIN

Six Hundred Who Made Trip
Around World With Red
Cross Finally Arrive

VIBOR, Finland, Dec. 18.—Six hundred of the Russian children from the Petrograd colony whom the American Red Cross brought from Siberia by way of the United States have completed their trip around the world and will spend Christmas in their homes. The fifth group of the repatriated children reached Petrograd yesterday and only 164 out of the total of 281 now remain in Finnish territory. Since the arrival of the children in Finland scores of them have received letters from relatives in Soviet Russia urging them to return as soon as they possibly could.

The journey of the children from Russia to the Finnish border was made by special train and sledges through deep snow drifts long before daylight. Upon their arrival at the frontier the American officers in charge of the children were met by a committee of the parents assembled beneath a white flag marking the Russian border line. The children crossed in single file. The Russian commissar was handed the list of the children and was asked if he wished to check them singly. He replied that he preferred to check them in bulk "as I have lots of other work to do," he said.

A receipt was then given and the children put aboard a Petrograd train which started Sunday immediately.

CONVICT DONS 'CIVIES': WALKS OUT OF PRISON

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 20.—J. A. Houchin, serving a five-year term in the state penitentiary here for murder, Sunday donned a civilian suit of clothes of a shipment that had been received for discharged convicts and walked out of the penitentiary according to prison authorities, who have instituted a search.

HUGE ITALIAN DEFICIT.

ROME, Dec. 20.—In presenting his financial statement in the chamber of deputies Sunday, Signor Meda, minister of finance, announced a budget deficit of nearly 14,000,000,000 lire for 1920-21, which must be covered by loans or treasury operations. He estimated that the deficit in 1921-22 would amount approximately to 10,000,000,000 lire.

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Tanlac is sold by McIntyre Drug Co., two busy stores.—Ady.

BUSINESS WILL VOTE ON TAXES

National Commerce Chamber
Sends Out Program for
Referendum Vote

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A proposed program of federal tax revision, suggesting radical changes in present methods of levy, was put to a referendum vote Sunday by the United States chamber of commerce.

The proposals were prepared by the chamber's committee on taxation, which has made nearly a year's study of the subject. The chamber's board of directors made it clear that the board itself neither approved nor disapproved the proposals.

METHODS SUGGESTED.
The propositions upon which the chamber's members were asked to express their views were:

1. The excess profits tax should be repealed.

2. Revenues now derived from excess profits tax should be obtained from taxes on incomes.

3. There should also be excise taxes upon some articles of wide use but not of first necessity.

4. Should a sales tax be levied instead of the taxes mentioned in the second and third proposals?

5. Should a sales tax be levied in addition to the taxes mentioned in the second and third proposals?

Members voting in favor of proposal four or proposal five are asked to indicate the type of sales tax they advocate, whether a general turnover tax, a limited turnover tax, or a retail sales tax.

There should be a moderate and graduated and distributed earnings tax on corporations.

Each individual stockholder of a corporation should pay his own normal income.

Incomes from any new issues of securities which may lawfully be made subject to federal tax should be taxable.

American citizens resident abroad should be exempt from the American tax upon income derived abroad and not remitted to the United States.

Profits arising from sale of capital assets should be allocated over the period in which earned and taxed at the rates for the several years in the period.

INCOME TAX CHANGES.
An exchange of property of a like or similar nature should be considered merely as replacement.

Net losses and inventory losses in any taxable year should be cause for re-determination of taxes on income of the preceding year.

Ascertainment by the government of any tax based on incomes should precede payment.

Administration of income taxation should be decentralized.

The committee's own judgment with regard to a sales tax was declared to be that it was impracticable.

The committee made it plain that in its opinion the government's expenses would remain high for some time and it explained that the revision it proposed was not aimed at reducing the amount of yield but in changing the manner of levying important taxes.

BURIED IN LANDSLIDE.
BRINDISI, Italy, Dec. 20.—Advices from Sasso, at the entrance of the Bay of Avion, give details of the earthquake which occurred there concurrently with the earthquake shocks signalled in America. A number of houses disappeared in a great landslide and up to the present thirty deaths are reported. The wireless rendered great service, all other means of communication being interrupted. The wireless station sent out distress signals which were picked up by the destroyer Ardito at Santi Quaranta. The destroyer rushed to Sasso at full speed, and the work of relief is now going on.

NO ROYALIST INTRIGUES.
BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 20.—The Swiss police, after an investigation, have reported that they found no evidence that Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary had abused the hospitality of Switzerland by secret intrigues in pursuance of plans to retain a throne. The accusations came from socialist and communist sources.

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